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BOX PATENT APPLICATIONCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Mitsuru TAMURA, Koji TAKIMIYA, Tsutomu KONAKA
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AGGLOMERATES
Assignee: SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED
Our Ref: Q67986

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/575,248 (Confirmation No. 2075) filed May 22, 2000, of Mitsuru TAMURA, Koji TAKIMIYA and Tsutomu KONAKA entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AGGLOMERATES.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 11 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1713.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-351843	December 10, 1999

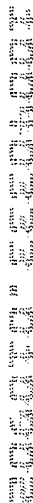
The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/575,248.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the attached Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

Total claims	<u>6</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE**\$740.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire





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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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